

how to: be rich

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Richly Good

1 TIMOTHY 6:18 (P. 831)

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Review

- We don't feel rich because we have no contentment.
- I am rich because God has blessed me.
- I will not trust in my riches but in the One who richly provides.

IF GOD IS THE PROVIDER, IF HIS BLESSINGS ARE HIS CHOICE, MY WEALTH IS PART OF HIS PLAN

1 Timothy 6:17-18

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. **Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.**

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Do good.

TWO MOTIVES FOR LIFE // ACQUIRE WEALTH OR DO GOOD

LOVE OF MONEY IS A ROOT OF EVIL... MONEY IS A LIMITED COMMODITY... YOU ARE A THREAT.
WHERE DO MY MOTIVES LIE? DOING GOOD OR GAINING WEALTH?

Be rich in good deeds.

EXTENDED ANALOGY -- BUYING A CAR // HONDA LX // PASSAT NEEDS (30MPG, SNOW, SAFETY, AUTO, "FAMILY," LOOKS, SEAT WARMERS) NOT DIESEL, NO NAVIGATION // THE RICH DON'T DO THAT

We naturally address **needs** that fits within our **limits**.

Rich people live by the principle of **abundance**.

"Normal" good is **reactionary**.

MATCHING LIMITS AND NEEDS // CHURCH GIVING STRATEGIES (MULTIPLY NEEDS, ASK MORE OFTEN)

"Rich" good is **pre-decided**.

I HAVE MORE THAN I NEED, AND MORE IS COMING, SO I GIVE MORE THAN NEEDED, BEFORE NEEDED.

Percentage -based giving is the best way to live this out.

SONLIFE HAS TAKEN THIS TO HEART WITH FIRSTFRUITS

Be generous and willing to share.

GENEROSITY IS EAGERNESS TO GIVE ABUNDANTLY / SHARING IS EAGERNESS TO CREATE EQUALITY

Take it Home

Three words:

**Tithing, Offering, and
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